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Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Sir:

As you may recall, we were introduced last night by an old poker-playing crony of mine, Phil Habib, at the dinner for President Aquino.

As I stated then, I have for some time been working on a book about Soviet acquisition of American high technology by legal and illegal means. The emphasis is on the illegal aspect.

I have accumulated a vast amount of material on this subject including, of course, the CIA's "sanitized" report, which has proved most useful.

But my project has bogged down on a single case that I had hoped to be the centerpiece of the book. That case concerns James D. Harper, who on May 14, 1984, in San Francisco was sentenced to life imprisonment for selling United States missile research secrets to Polish intelligence agents who were, of course, acting as surrogates for the KGB.

Much is known about the Harper case. What is not publicly known, and what I need to know, is the role the CIA played in the events leading up to his identification and arrest after he offered to become a double agent.

I recognize the sensitivity of this subject since it may involve agents in place or who were in place at the time. You may reasonably ask if I have sought assistance from the Department of Justice in this matter. I have, but so far without result, on the ground that the case is still "pending".

If there is any way you can assist me in this matter, I would be deeply grateful. The terms, of course, would be yours. I believe that Arnaud de Borchgrave will vouch for my reliability.

Sincerely
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